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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Comparative Evaluations Group  
SUBJECT : Comparative Evaluation of Computer Technology

1. I endorse Dr. Killian's proposal for an evaluation of U. S. and Soviet computer technology, and the procedure he proposes.

2. I am informally designating [ ] of my Office of Scientific Intelligence to provide Dr. Killian's panel with whatever intelligence assistance they need.

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ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

cc: [ ]  
Dr. Killian

ODDI:RWK:jts (16 Feb 59)  
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16 February 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

SUBJECT : Briefing on Second Comparative Evaluation and Selection  
of Next Topic

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1. The comparison of Soviet and US submarine and ASW<sup>\*</sup> capabilities will be presented to the Evaluations Group on Monday, 9 March (see Tab A). Admiral [ ] who handled our end, is prepared to brief you in advance.
  - 25X1 2. The meeting will also decide on the next topic. As you will recall, the Group tentatively decided at its last meeting on the comparison of computer technology suggested by Dr. Killian. He has now submitted a proposal that it be undertaken by his office, drawing on a team of senior people from industry and government (see Tab B). Although the procedures adopted by the Group call for you and [ ] normally to designate the people to undertake each evaluation, the NSC directive (NSC 5815) permits wide latitude and Dr. Scoville agrees that Dr. Killian's proposal is the best way to handle this topic.
  3. Dr. Killian's memorandum indicates that if his proposal is satisfactory he will request you to name someone to work with his office. Dr. Scoville has already informally nominated [ ] of OSI. ORR also has some material which it will provide via [ ]
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4. Recommendation: That you approve Dr. Killian's proposal and informally designate  of OSI to assist his group. A memorandum to this effect is attached for signature (see Tab C). Since the entire computer study will be done by Killian's office and since intelligence on such general scientific subjects is a primary CIA responsibility, I believe that you need not consult the USIB formally on your nomination in this case, but merely inform them of the new topic and procedure when approved.

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Concur:

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Remarks:

ASW - Anti Submarine Warfare

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NOTE: In addition to Tabs A thru C as identified in Mr. [ ] memorandum, there is attached below (at Tab D) copy of a memorandum from General Twining on this subject, dated 17 February. (The latter was received after submission of Mr. [ ] 16 February memo.)

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